

Claims

1. Security element for objects (1,3,9,11,14) such as securities, banknotes, checks, passports and other similar documents, wherein said security element comprises a structure (2a,2b,2c,2d,10a,10b) on at least a first surface of said object, said structure being characteristically recognisable by feel along a specific direction over the structure.
2. Security element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said structure is made by deformation of the object (3).
3. Security element as claimed in claim 2, wherein said structure is made by an intaglio process.
4. Security element as claimed in one of the preceding claims, wherein said structure (2a,2b,2c,2d) comprises lines.
5. Security element as claimed in one of the preceding claims, wherein said lines have different orientations.
6. Security element as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said structure (10a,10b) has a specific profile.
7. A combined security element comprising at least a security element according to claim 5 and a security element according to claim 6.

8. A document, such as a banknote, a check or a passport, characterised by a security element as claimed in one of the preceding claims.

9. A document as claimed in claim 8, characterised by security elements being placed on a recto side and on a verso side of said document.

10. A document as claimed in claim 9, characterised in that it comprises on each side a succession of security elements.

11. A document as claimed in claim 10, characterised in that said elements are alternatively placed on the recto side and on the verso side.

12. A document as claimed in claims 10 or 11, characterised in that said elements are in register.